*2001-02*—The accounts have been completed. Audit of accounts by C&AG is in progress/discussion stage.

*2002-03* —The finalisation of accounts is in advanced stage and audit is expected to commence shortly. The accounts will become due for laying in the Parliament around December, 2003.

(c) In view of the reply given to parts (a) and (b) above, the question does not arise.

**Beneficiaries of Annapurna Scheme in Orissa**

2618. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of beneficiaries of 60 years and above, identified so far under 'Annapurna Scheme' in Orissa;

(b) the total quantity of foodgrains allotted and distributed so far under the scheme in Orissa; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government to widen the scope of the scheme in order to cover more people living below poverty line in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA) : (a) The State Government of Orissa has identified 64,800 beneficiaries under the scheme.

(b) A Statement showing total quantity of foodgrains allocated and distributed so far under the scheme in Orissa is enclosed (*See* below).

(c) The scheme has been transferred to State Plan from 2002-03 along with the National Social Assistance Programme comprising the National Old Age Pension Scheme and the National Family Benefit Scheme. The funds for the transferred schemes are released by the Minister of Finance as Additional Central Assistance (ACA) to the State Plan and the States have the requisite flexibility in the choice and implementation of the schemes. However, foodgrains are allocated by the Government of India to States/UTs at BPL rates on the basis of number of beneficiaries identified and their requirement of foodgrains @ 10 kg. per beneficiary per month under the scheme.

***Statement***

*Statement showing total quantity of foodgrains allocated and distributed so far under Annapurana Scheme in Orissa.*

(Figures in tonnes)

| Sl. No. | Year | Foodgrains Allocated | Foodgrains Distributed |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 2000-01 | 5044.00 | 4983.00 |
| 2. | 2001-02 | 7793.00 | 7744.00 |
| 3. | 2002-03 | 7776.00 | 7590.00 |
| 4. | 2003-04 (upto July, 2003) | 2592.00 | 1547.00 (upto June, 2003) |
| | TOTAL | 23205.00 | 21864.00 |

**Extension of Antyodaya Scheme in Karnataka**

2619. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have asked the State Government of Karnataka to extend Antyodaya Scheme to two lakh families in Karnataka;

(b) if so, how many families in Karnataka have been benefited so far from the above scheme;

(c) the quantity of free foodgrains supplied to Karnataka per month for the above scheme; and

(d) whether the Karnataka Government has sent the list of additional beneficiaries of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Government of India has asked the Government of Karnataka to cover additional 2.40 lakhs Antyodaya families in the expanded Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY).

(b) 4.80 lakh families have so far been benefited from the AAY in Karnataka.

(c) No foodgrains are supplied free of cost for the scheme. The foodgrains under AAY are supplied at a highly subsidized price of Rs. 2/- per kg. for wheat and Rs. 3/- per kg. for rice.

(d) No, Sir.